



May 28, 2023 - 11:00 am
Fellowship Hall

Welcome

Community Life

*Call to Worship

Psalm 1

Leader: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
All: but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

Leader: He is like a tree planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.
**All: In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

Leader: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
All: for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

*Prayer of Adoration

*Song of Worship

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise him, Alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright, that givest man both warmth and light,
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! *(continue)*

** Please stand if you are able.*

⁴ And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care,
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

⁵ Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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*Scripture Reading

from Hebrews 12

Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

*Song of Worship

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven, where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets,
To look upon the one who bled to save me, and walk with Him for all eternity.

*There will be a day when all will bow before Him. There will be a day when death will be no more.
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again, Holy, holy is the Lord.*

And ev'ry prayer we prayed in desperation. The songs of faith we sang through doubt and fear.
In the end we'll see that it was worth it. When He returns to wipe away our tears.

And on that day we join the resurrection, and stand beside the heroes of the faith,
With one voice a thousand generations, sing "Lamb of God, forever He shall reign."

*So let it be today we shout the hymn of Heaven with angels and the Saints we raise a mighty roar
Glory to our God who gave us life beyond the grave, Holy, holy is the Lord.*

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Call to Confession

Romans 8:18, 22-23, 26-28

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us... For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies...

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Moment of Silent Confession

Song of Reflection

Jesus cast a look on me, give me sweet simplicity,
Make me poor and keep me low, seeking only Thee to know.

All that feeds my busy pride, cast it evermore aside,
Bid my will to Thine submit, lay me humbly at Thy feet.

Make me like a little child, of my strength and wisdom spoiled,
Seeing only in Thy light, walking only in Thy might.

Leaning on Thy loving breast, where a weary soul can rest,
Feeling well the peace of God, flowing from His precious blood.

In this posture let me live, and hosannas daily give,
In this temper let me die, and hosannas ever cry!

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Words of Grace and Peace

Revelation 21:3-5; 22:1-16-17

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new..."

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price."

*Song of Worship

Children K4/K5 may leave for Kids Church. A parent should escort child to the Commons Area.

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank you, O, my Father, for giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain.
Thank you, O, my Father, for giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory, I will see His face,
There I'll serve my King forever in that holy place.
Thank you, O, my Father, for giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

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Prayers of the People

Scripture Reading

Exodus 15:1-21

Reader: This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *Doubts, Dilemmas and Disagreements: Is There Only One True Religion?* Andy Lewis

*Parting Song

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise,
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

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*Benediction

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Second Saturday Spiritual Retreats Scheduled for this Summer

Our spiritual retreats are an opportunity to set aside focused time to hear from the Lord, meditate on His Word, and rest in the peace that comes only from Him. June 10, July 8 and August 12 we will have spiritual retreats on campus from 8:30 am—1:00 pm. We will provide guidance, quiet space and breakfast and lunch, and the Lord will provide the rest. Email souten@mitchellroad.org to register.

Elective Continues Next Sunday: The Beginner's Guide to the End of the World

We know that The Day of the Lord is coming; He will return just as He left. But when? 2 Thessalonians, offers insight. Join us for an introduction to the "end times" conversation. This Study in 2 Thessalonians with Rich Rardin will continue next Sunday June 4 in B111 at 9:45 am (It is not meeting today)

Exploring Prayer 2023—This Week's Prayer

Pray for those at all levels of government in our country - may God grow hearts of repentance and humility.
(Romans 13:1-7; Philippians 2:1-11; Colossians 1:15-20)

The church office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, May 29, for the Memorial Day holiday.